



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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Sunday 1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY

CW Lectionary 1 John 3. 1 – 3; Matt. 5. 1 – 12

8:00am Said Trad Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham *Hymns: 308, 298, 310, 664 (choir), 296*

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 148, 640, 560, 486*

Thought for the Day by Revd Bernard

Today, we celebrate the Saints. But the saints in history, are not necessarily welcomed, even in their own communities, Church, or families! Hopefully we all set out on that journey, by following the Jesus manifesto! We need to do justice, (share our resources with those who are less fortunate) Love even our enemies! Another difficult path to take, and of course to serve God's good earth and all creatures - IN ALL HUMILITY! And Indeed, we may be broken, as Christ was, as we follow his path! We do what we do, so as to truly follow Christ on the journey of our own lives! And to receive the gift of his loving generosity on the way! But we must persevere, and accept the bad as well as the good! So that we may truly become Christlike, and share in his heavenly kingdom with the whole of creation. So today we rejoice for those who came before, and pray that we will find the way to the fullness and joy of our lives in the kingdom they now inhabit!

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Sandra Haward, David Clegg, Gillian Harding, Glynis Crocker, Sue & Marie Andrew, Sarah Snook, Mary Andrews and John Lewis.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Barry Basford, Dianne Ridge and Raymond Holmes, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING 1 John 3. 1 – 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL Matthew 5. 1 – 12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Monday 2 November All Souls' Day

7:00pm All Souls' Day Service at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

A quiet service with the reading of the names of the departed.

Tuesday 3 November

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, activity – Sing along with Sophie Eden

11:30am Service of Thanksgiving for Anne Clarke at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Wednesday 4 November

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10.30am Said Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Also, today at Eden, Jo's Crafts - lots of ideas for Christmas, including Advent calendars, decorations and presents.

7:00pm 'Seekers and Searchers' in the Vicarage School Room (Session 3)

A group which offers a gentle introduction to those new to the Christian faith, or the chance for more exploration. Following the Bible Society's 'The Bible Course', sessions are every other Wednesday.



Thursday 5 November

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at The Malthouse Care Home



Friday 6 November

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

7:00pm Visiting Mere Branch of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 7 November

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 8 November The Third Sunday before Advent (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

Reading Micah 4. 1 – 5; Gospel Matthew 5. 21 – 24

9:30am Said Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am BCP Mattins with minute silence at 11am St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:45am Act of Remembrance Gillingham War Memorial followed by

11:15am Remembrance Service St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:45am Act of Remembrance Milton War Memorial followed by

11:15am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour



Christmas Shoebox Appeal Please take your shoebox to the Parish Office by **Friday 20 November (not the date given in the leaflet)**. If you have any problems getting there, please let me know. *Margaret Porter 822193*

Coffee Morning (Saturday 5 December, 10:00am – 12noon, in the Vicarage School Room)

We are holding a 'St Nick's Coffee Morning' and are asking for donations of cakes to sell- all money raised is going back to the church. We also need volunteers on the day to help make tea and coffee. Many thanks for all you do for St Mary's. Revd Becca.

Dear all, a plea for a tree. We need to borrow an artificial tree for this year's Christmas tree festival in the library. We will need it from 1 to 17 December, so you will have it back for Christmas. No taller than 3 foot please. Contact Kate Wickson 833 663



Who is Lucas? Another blue envelope has been found at St Simon & St Jude, this time addressed to Lucas. If you know Lucas, Isaac or who may have left the envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.